The true discouerie of the Duke of Savoy his enterprise *vpon the cittie of Geneue.*

THE Duke of *Sauoye* hauing resolued to surprise the cittie of *Geneue* by scaling the vvalles: to the intent hee might more easilie come to his purpose, sendes a fewe daies before, *Monsieur Rochet* chief Præsident of the Senate of *Chambery*, to the seigneurs of *Geneue*, to make declaration, that for his part he is resolued to liue in peace with them: & seing the king of France his Maiestie hath comprehended them in the peace latelie made betwixt them, they might be assured, that he inviolablie, without breach of any point, would keep & entertaine the same. Vpon the which, in all haste departing from *Thurin* on Tuesday being the 17. of December, came by poste to *la Roche*, a towne distant foure leagues from *Geneue*, on Satterday being the 21. of the said moneth: where he had in readinesse about three thousand men, parte *Spaniards* and *Italians*, part of his owne subiects with some *Frenchmen*. Hauing assembled before him all the cheefes and captaines, he dis-

couered vnto them his purpoſe & enterpriſe, exhorting them to doe valiauntlie. He ordaineth for the purpoſe 300. of the moſt reſolued ſouldiers: and ſo he himſelfe accompanieth them towards the ſaid cittie, where they did arriue about two houres after midnight. The Duke remayning a quarter of a league from the cittie, Monſieur *D'Albigny* his Lieutenant generall, taketh the oath of all the ſouldiers to liue and die in the ſurpriſe of the ſaide cittie. And thereafter encouraging them, and giuing expres charge not to enter in booting or ſpoile, nor to defile wiues or maides, vntill the time they were maiſters of the cittie, it ſhould be permitted vnto them. He approacheth with a part of his companies towardes that part of the cittie, where the riuer *Roſne* takes his courſe betwixt the mint-houſe, called the Coine-porte, and the newe-porte: and hauing cauſed the ſouldiers bring with them a great nomber of faggots and flakes, made paſſage through the trenche, filled with water about three foote in height. Approching to the wall, they laid to their ſcalades, made of peeces indented one within another, by which the choiſe of the nomber made ſtraight way to climbe the wall, armed (for the moſt parte) with Harquebuze, Cutlace, and Corſlet: ſome others carrying Petares, with all ſortes of inſtruments and engines, for breaking vp aſwel

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the portes, as dores of houſes, which were ſo quietly conuoyed without any perceauing of any one Sentinell, yea not of him who was diſtant about 50. paces from that part where they entered vpon, becauſe of the darkeneſſe of the night, and the thick foggie miſt, with a little colde ſharpe winde favouring their purpoſe. Nowe hauing entred about the nomber of three or foureſcore, finding the Sentinell, ſlayes him: and then drawing themſelues apart, they paſſe by the firſt round: the ſecond paſsing and perceauing ſome noiſe, would ſee what it ſhould meane, & ſo approaching, the enemie ſeazd vpon them: in the meane while he that carried the lanterne takes him to his feete, and giues the firſt alarum to the towne. From thence the enemy makes his way to the newe-porte, which was diſtant thence about two hundreth paces, and forces the *Corps du guarde* compoſed of the nomber of about 25. men, who made reſiſtance, but in end were broken. And ſo the enemie preaſſed to apply the Petarre to make vp the port for entering of their companies. In the meane time, certain of the citizens conveene themſelues at the Towne-houſe, & makes re-encounter to the enemy, the combate on both ſides beeing ſo hote and fierce, that the place of the forſaide New-porte, was taken and forſaken againe, which troubled him that was in worke with

the Petarre at the Porte, who is forced to flee and in flying is slaine. At last the nomber of citizens increasing, the enemies were repulsed back to their companies, who continuallie were entring vpon the wall, mounting to the nomber then of 200. and were crying aloude, *Ville gaigneé, viue Espaigne, viue Savoye, &c.* And seeing they could not haue passage through the streets of the town, but by the backside of houses which ioyned vpon the wall, hauing applyed two Petars at the Mint or Coin-port they also forced open two dores of houses, whereby sundrie of the Captaines entring, founde resistance there, some beeing slaine of both sides. Enduring those re-encountrings, the cannon of the towne vpon the bulwark of the new-porte, charged with chaine-bullet & other iron stuffe, plaies, and breakes the scalades a-sunder, and wounds thirtie or fourtie of the enemy that were clyming the wall, which made the rest to retire from the wall: not beeing so bolde as to present againe the rest of the scalades. Who seeing their enterprise disappointed by the great resistance made by the Citizens within the towne, and finding no succour by their companions (as they hoped for) who should haue charged the town on another part, they cause to sound the retrait by Trumpet, whereby the remanent of their companions within the towne did begin

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to giue ouer courage, retyring themſelues to the wall to eſcape. But whiles they could not all come by the ſcalades, yet reſting on the wall, they threwe themſelues downe from the wall, beeing hotely purſued by the citizens. The combate continuing ſo furious betwixt the houſes and the porte, vntill the fift houre in the morning, there was nothing in the towne but ſlaughter, and taking of priſoners. Slaine about 50. Priſoners, taken 13. Among the dead was knowvne a ſonne of Marquis *de Lulin*, vvith the ſon of Marquis *de Trefort*, *Monſieur de Cornage*, and *de la Tour* Lieuetennant & Enſeignie to *Monſieur D'Albigny*: and the moſt part of the reſt, vver men of account, vvherof the names are not yet come to knowvledge. The 13. priſoners vvere at once caried to the place of examination, to dravve out of them confeſsion, vvher-upon their proceſſes vvere containing this, that they, as breakers of peace brigandes vnder night, intending to ſurpryſe and ſpoyle the towne, vvere condemned to be hanged: vvhich vvas put to execution in the after-noone, vpon the bulwarcke of the new-porte, on a gallows of three pillers made for the purpoſe. The principall three of theſe were *Monſieur de Sonas*, *Monſieur d'Attignac*, and *Schaffardon*. The reſt vvere of inferiour rank. In the trenche vvas founde a greate number of armes, and about 30. dead, and foure hurt, vvho

vvho yet liue. The heades vvere cut off both of them that vvere hanged, and of them that vvere slaine, and vvere set a-long vpon the vvall, vvhere they entred vpon. There-after it was reported vnto the Citie, that the enemies retiring, had caryed away many dead & hurt, and that they had left behinde them in a village *d'Etrembleres* distant a league from the Towne, a barne full of them: among vvhome vvas the Baron *De La Valdisaire* generall of the infantarie, and many other commanders. Of those of the Towne 15. or 16. vvere founde dead, among vvhome vvas *Monsieur Canal*, one of the counsel, of age 70. yeares, *Captaine Vandall*, *Marc Cambiago*, *Pier Cabriell*, M. *Nicholas Masson*, *Bandiers*, *Debolo*, & others: some 20. hurt. Many of the Citizens caryed themselues valiantly: and some vvomen also came with halbardes and svvords to succour. The Enemies retyring themselues againe to *La Roche*, and making their re-vievv, misled aboute 400. of their number. The Duke by poste hasted back to *Thurin*. It is also to be marked, that the lords of *Berne* hearing tell of such treason, sent 300. men for succour of the Citie.

This is the very true discouerie of the succesſe of the saide interpryse, which hauing no good ground, couldе haue no happie issue.

All praise to God.

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